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A RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE TOLD US ON FEBRUARY
5 THAT THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL'S INABILITY SO FAR
TO REACH A DECISION ON ARMS TO TURKEY STEMMED FROM
"UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE MINISTRIES CON-
CERNED -- FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, AND FINANCE. HE
THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE "SOME WEEKS" BEFORE THESE DIFFEREN-
CES COULD BE OVERCOME. HE STRESSED THAT NORMAL COM-
MERCIAL SALES WERE NOT INVOLVED, BUT ONLY DEFENSE
ASSISTANCE IN THE NATO FRAMEWORK. HE SAID THAT MANY
JOURNALISTS WERE ASKING WHETHER THE FRG PLANNED TO TAKE
OVER US RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA; HE COMMENTED
IN THIS CONNECTION THAT, EVEN ASSUMING AN EVENTUAL
POSITIVE DECISION BY THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL, IT
WAS OBVIOUS THAT ANYTHING THE FRG COULD DO WOULD FALL
FAR SHORT OF PROVIDING A FULL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE US
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